IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : BITTNER et al.

Appl. No. : 10/516,363 Filed : December 1, 2004

Title : ELECTROMAGNETIC FRICTIONALLY ENGAGED CLUTCH

: AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME

Group Art Unit : 3681

Examiner : PILKINGTON, J.

Docket No. : 01200.722

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 21, 2007

AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated February 5, 2007.

Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time if being filed herewith. Applicant also authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 50-0548 for any necessary fees or deficiencies.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.